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SUBJECT: PRE-31ST UNGA CONSULTATIONS: CONSULTATION ON IMPORTANT
ISSUES

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SUMMARY: FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICIAL HAS SUGGESTED THAT DUE TO
UNHAPPINESS OF MANY GOVTS WITH THE HARD-LINE PRO-DPRK RESOLUTION
THAT US-SPONSORED KOREA RESOLUTION COULD BE USED AS BASIS FOR
WORKING OUT A COMPROMISE. HE FURTHER SAID GUYANA COULD PROBABLY
LIVE WITH SUBSTANCE OF US-SPONSORED RESOLUTION, BUT THE SEMI-CONSEN-
SUS AT COLOMBO WOULD MAKE IT DIFFICULT FOR GUYANA AND OTHER NAM
MEMBERS TO ADOPT IT WITHOUT SOME CHARGES. GUYANA'S DELEGATION
WILL WELCOME CONSULTATION WITH USUN ON THIS AND OTHER MATTERS.
END SUMMARY.

1. AS A FOLLOW-UP TO MY CONSULTATIONS WITH FONMIN WILLS LAST
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WEEK (REF C), I REVIEWED FULL RANGE OF UN ISSUES WITH FOREIGN

MINISTRY COUNSELOR LLOYD SEARWAR AND DURING A MEETING WITH WILLS SEPTEMBER 14, WE RETURNED TO KOREA ISSUE. THIS MESSAGE REPORTS SUBSTANTIVE ASPECTS OF THESE LATEST MEETINGS. EXCEPT WHERE INDICATED ON KOREA ISSUE, THE VIEWS REPORTED HEREIN ARE SEARWAR'S. SEARWAR WILL ACCOMPANY WILLS TO NEW YORK SEPTEMBER 16.

2. SOUTHERN AFRICA. THE DIPLOMATIC TEMPERATURE AT THE UN ON THIS ISSUE WILL DEPEND MUCH UPON EVENTS IN SOUTHERN AFRICA. IF THE KILLINGS IN SOWETO DO NOT STOP, IT WILL BE EXTREMELY DIFFICULT TO KEEP THIS ISSUE IN LOW KEY. ON SUBSTANCE OF SOUTHERN AFRICAN ISSUES, GUYANA WILL FOLLOW THE LEAD OF THE OAU.

3. RHODESIA AND NAMIBIA. SEARWAR WAS PESSIMISTIC ABOUT CHANCES FOR SUCCESS IN FINDING A PEACEFUL SOLUTION IN RHODESIA. HE FEARED THE TIME HAD PASSED. ON NAMIBIA, HOWEVER, HE WAS HOPEFUL THAT KISSINGER MIGHT FIND A WORKABLE FORMULA.

4. KOREA. WHILE CONFIRMING WHAT FONMIN WILLS HAD TOLD ME, SEARWAR WENT A LITTLE FURTHER. GUYANA WAS UNHAPPY WITH THE NORTH KOREA RESOLUTION WHICH HE CHARACTERIZED AS VERY HARD LINE. HE THEN SAID GUYANA COULD LIVE WITH THE SOUTH KOREA RESOLUTION, BUT THE SEMI-CONSENSUS ACHIEVED AT SRI LANKA ON THE PRO-DPRK RESOLUTION MADE IT EXTREMELY DIFFICULT FOR GUYANA TO SHIFT OVER TOTALLY TO THE US-SPONSORED RESOLUTION. SEARWAR SUGGESTED, WITH THE CAVEAT THAT HE HAD NOT CLEARED THE IDEA WITH THE FONMIN, THAT GUYANA AND A NUMBER OF OTHER NAM COUNTRIES MIGHT BE WILLING TO USE THE US-SPONSORED RESOLUTION AS A BASIS FOR WORK IN DRAFTING A COMPROMISE RESOLUTION. NOT MUCH LANGUAGE CHANGE WOULD BE NECESSARY TO ENABLE A NUMBER OF COUNTRIES TO VOTE FOR THE US RESOLUTION.

5. FONMIN WILLS COMMENTED ON KOREA ISSUE DURING A MEETING SEPTEMBER 14, SAYING HE THOUGHT THE ATMOSPHERE IN UNGA THIS YEAR FOR US-SPONSORED RESOLUTION ON KOREA WOULD BE BETTER THAN LAST YEAR. AS POSITIVE FACTORS, HE LISTED:

(A) MANY COUNTRIES WERE UNCOMFORTABLE WITH HARD-LINE PRO-DPRK RESOLUTION ENDORSED AT COLOMBO NASC;

(B) NORTH KOREANS HAD LOST SYMPATHY THROUGH THEIR BEHAVIOR, AND
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(C) SECRETARY KISSINGER'S PROPOSALS WERE CONSIDERED TO BE EVIDENCE OF SINCERE DESIRE BY THE US TO SEEK A NEGOTIATED SOLUTION.

6. ZIONISM AS RACISM. I MENTIONED TO SEARWAR WILLS' LINKAGE OF THE ZIONISM AS RACISM ISSUE TO ISRAEL'S INTRANSIGENCE IN THE OCCUPIED TERRITORIES AND ITS ALLEGED CLOSENESS TO SOUTH AFRICA (REF C). I ASKED HIM WHETHER HE TOO FELT THAT IF ISRAEL WERE NOT

PERCEIVED TO BE SO CLOSE TO SOUTH AFRICA THIS WOULD ENCOURAGE MORE POSITIVE ATTITUDE TOWARD ISRAEL AT UNGA. SEARWAR REPLIED HE WAS CERTAIN THAT GUYANA AND A NUMBER OF THE MODERATEAFRICAN STATES COULD BE PERSUADED TO OPPOSE ZIONISM AS RACISM LINKAGE IF ISRAEL DISASSOCIATED HERSELF FROM SOUTH AFRICA, AND SHOWED SOME SIGN OF FLEXIBILITY ON OCCUPIED LANDS ISSUE.

7. TERRORISM. THE PROBLEM IN SECURING AGREEMENT ON RESOLUTIONS ON TERRORISM REMAINS THE MATTER OF DEFINITION. IT IS DIFFICULT NOT TO INCLUDE ACTIVITIES OF LIBERATION MOVEMENTS SUCH AS THOSE IN SOUTHERN AFRICA. HOWEVER, MOST NON-ALIGNED NATIONS WOULD BE UNWILLING TO BACK A RESOLUTION WHICH EXPLICITLY CONSIDERED THEIR ACTIONS AS TERRORISM.

8. DISARMAMENT SESSION. SEARWAR BELIEVED THERE WAS BROAD INTEREST AMONG THIRD WORLD GOVTS IN HAVING SUCH A SESSION. HE ALSO THOUGHT THE SOVIETS WOULD SUPPORT IT. GUYANA TOO WANTED TO ASSURE THAT IT DID NOT DETERIORATE INTO FRUITLESS CONFRONTATION.

9. CONSULTATION. DURING OUR DISCUSSION ON THE KOREA ISSUE, SEARWAR SAID HE WISHED TO MAKE A PERSONAL OBSERVATION CONCERNING THE USUN DELEGATION'S APPROACH TO CERTAIN ISSUES. IT WAS HIS OPINION THAT THE DELEGATION DID NOT PARTICIPATE ACTIVELY ENOUGH IN THE DRAFTING SESSIONS AND CONSULTATIONS WHEN POSITIONS WERE BEING SHAPED. HE URGED THAT THE UNITED STATES GET MORE DEEPLY INVOLVED. HE SAID THAT IN ALL THE TIME HE WAS ON THE SECOND COMMITTEE HE WAS NEVER APPROACHED BY A MEMBER OF THE US DELEGATION.

10. COMMENT: I BELIEVE GUYANA'S DELEGATION IS GOING TO THE UNGA THIS YEAR WITH A POSITIVE ATTITUDE TOWARD CONSULTATION WITH THE US AND A DESIRE FOR NEGOTIATION RATHER THAN CONFRONTATION ON ISSUES OVER WHICH THE US AND GUYANA MAY DIFFER. I INTERPRET SEARWAR'S REMARK IN PARA 9 ABOVE AS AN INVITATION FOR MEMBERS OF US DELEGATION

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